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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached, excluding U.S. patents and publications.

European Patent No. EP 0 166 998 A2 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 4,876,126, EP 0 289 996 A2 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,005,287 A2, EP 0 570 370 B1 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,001,009 and EP 0 991 702 B1 is equivalent to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0045049 A1. Some of the patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in an International Preliminary Search Report (IPER) and International

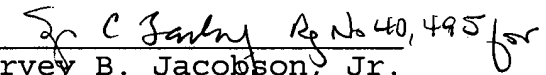
Search Report (ISR). Copies of the IPER and ISR are enclosed. The Examiner is requested to make these references of record in the file of this application.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required by the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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